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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O.11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: APPROACH TO FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS

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1. AS OF MID AFTERNOON MARCH 13, THERE STILL NO WORD
WHEN MACHEL WILL BE ABLE TO RECEIVE AMBASSADOR LEWEN
AND ME. PRESIDENTIAL AIDE FERNANDO HONWANA ASSURES US
THAT APPOINTMENT WILL BE FIXED JUST AS SOON AS MACHELIIS
AGAIN SCHEDULING APPOINTMENTS.

2. LEWEN AND I HOPE TO SEE HONWANA AGAIN THIS EVENING
TO BRIEF HIM ON WEEKEND DEVELOPMENTS AND TO PASS HIM TEXT
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OF OWENS MARCH 10 STATEMENT ON RHODESIA. HONWANA IN
TURN USUALLY BRIEFS MACHEL ON OUR DISCUSSIONS AND
TRANSLATES KEY DOCUMENTS FOR THE PRESIDENT. LEWEN AND
I WOULD ALSO BE SEEKING MEETINGS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER
CHISSANO AND SERGIO VIEIRA, BUT CHISSANO IS IN DAR AND
WE DO NOT KNOWN WHERE VIEIRA IS.

3. ON BASIS MY UNDERSTANDING OF MACHEL, I WOULD GUESS HIS REACTION TO EVENTS OF PAST WEEK WOULD BE VERY SIMILAR TO NYERERE'S AS REPORTED DAR REFTELS. IF, AS I WOULD IMAGINE, THE TWO PRESIDENTS HAVE BEEN IN CLOSE COMMUNICATION ON RHODESIAN DEVELOPMENTS, I THINK THERE IS A GOOD CHANCE MACHEL, AS NYERERE, MAY GIVE US GUARDED SUPPORT FOR AN ALL PARTIES CONFERENCE, ALTHOUGH I DO NOT THINK MACHEL WILL WANT TO SAY SO PUBLICLY. WE SHOULD BE CAREFUL NOT TO CHARACTERIZE THE CONFERENCE AS AN EFFORT TO MARRY THE AAP AND THE INTERNAL ACCORD, OR WE RISK LOSING MACHEL'S POTENTIAL SUPPORT FOR SUCH A CONFERENCE. FINALLY, I EXPECT MACHEL WOULD HOPE, AS NYERERE, THAT WE COULD FIND SOME WAY TO EXCLUDE CHIRAU'S PARTICIPATION, SINCE THIS WOULD APPEAR TO SMACK TOO MUCH OF A CONCESSION TO THE INTERNAL ACCORD.

4. AMBASSADOR LEWEN SHARES ASSESSMENT IN ABOVE PARA 3 LONDON PASS FCO.
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